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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President, WILLIAM J. BRYAN.
For Congress, 7th District, CLAUD DUVAL.
For Senator, 35th District, GEORGE B. ROSS.
Barton County Ticket.
For Representative, M. W. COBURN.
For County Attorney, JAS. W. CLARKE.
For County Sup't, B. J. HENNESSY.
For District Clerk, W. B. LUGAS.
For Probate Judge, W. F. FERRIS.
For County Printer, D. T. ARMSTRONG.
For Commissioner, 2 Dist., S. S. SHATTUCK.

THE CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION.

On Saturday, June 16th, the members of the democratic congressional committee of the 7th district were called together at Hutchinson to take under advisement the conditions that are growing out of there being two candidates in the field opposing republicanism. There were 21 counties represented by committeemen, and most of the other counties were heard from through letters from their committeemen.

The recent letter of Mr. I. P. Campbell, the populist nominee, in which he assumed to dictate as to what should be done in the matter, and which he did also without the consent or consultation with the congressional committee of his party, had placed Mr. Duval, the logical fusion nominee, in a peculiar position—a situation that called for prompt action on the part of those who wish a settlement of the differences for the success of the fusion cause rather than for the advancement of the personal ambitions of any man or set of men.

When the committee met, Chairman Pitts submitted the following communication from Mr. Duval:

Hutchinson, Kan., June 15, 1900.
Hon. Geo. T. Pitts, Wellington Kan.
DEAR SIR: Herewith I hand you letter from Hon. I. P. Campbell of Wichita, with my reply thereto. I desire that you place these communications before your committee at the earliest possible moment for their consideration.

While the action of the Democratic congressional convention at Great Bend relative to refusing to give the committee any power to withdraw me from the race, yet feeling as I do that the committee should have this power, I have, after thoughtful consideration, decided as your candidate and do by this letter, give you and your committee as the official representatives of the Democratic party of this district, full power to settle any and all controversies that may arise between Mr. Campbell and myself, or for that matter so far as I may have anything to say, to settle any differences between the two committees of the two parties.

You will note Mr. Campbell makes a direct and specific proposition. I decline to consider this matter with him because I believe neither Mr. Campbell or myself have any right to ignore our committees in reaching any agreement as to what is best for the success of fusion, or what might be the wishes of our respective parties. I therefore empower you to accept or reject Mr. Campbell's proposition, and will willingly abide by your decision on the subject.

Yours truly,

CLAUDE DUVAL.

These letters of Mr. Campbell and Mr. Duval were carefully considered, and the condition of affairs in each county discussed by the members of the committee. A vote was then taken as to whether or not the committee should ask Mr. Duval to accede to the demands of Mr. Campbell, resulting in a unanimous vote against such proposition. A subcommittee of seven was then appointed to draft an address to the public covering the situation

and the committee adjourned to 7 p. m. After reconvening the following address to the fusion voters of the district was adopted:

"On April 17, 1900, one hundred and twenty-six populist delegates and one hundred and forty-two democratic delegates having been beforehand regularly chosen for that purpose by the ordinary party method, met at Great Bend, Kans. to nominate a fusion candidate for congress. Of the votes of these delegates Mr. Duval on every ballot received a majority, and on the final and last ballot, and the ballot on which Mr. Campbell received the votes of eighty-nine, thus giving Mr. Duval in the aggregate a plurality over Mr. Campbell of sixty-five votes and a majority over all of forty votes, which we submit in all fairness entitles Mr. Duval on the face of the returns to be declared the fusion nominee of the parties represented by these two hundred and sixty-eight delegates.

"No objection was ever made by any one, before these conventions, to the manner of representation governing their make-up, until after the delegates thereto were elected, had assembled and had cast their votes. No taint of corruption, no charge of dishonesty has ever been hinted at much less made, with reference to the delegates or any of them who composed either of the Great Bend conventions.

"Their action at Great Bend speaks for itself, and from that action we maintain that the fusion banner should be carried by Claude Duval. Mr. Duval unquestionably had the support of a majority of the fusionists whose duty it was to elect the fusionist candidate, and we now maintain that he has behind his candidacy the support of a greater majority of the fusionists of the district than he had at Great Bend.

"The result justifies the statement that Mr. Duval and Mr. Campbell were the first and second choices, respectively, of the assembled delegates. We submit in all candor that the only manner in which the first and second choice of the delegates can be ascertained as between Mr. Duval and Mr. Campbell is by a comparison of the aggregate number of votes which were cast for Mr. Duval with the aggregate number of votes which were cast for Mr. Campbell. Mr. Duval received 154 votes, while Mr. Campbell received 89 votes. Applying this test we clearly see that Mr. Duval is the first and Mr. Campbell the second choice of the delegates.

"If a joint convention had been held as was proposed by the democrats Mr. Duval would unquestionably have been declared the fusion nominee.

"We notice that Mr. Campbell says in his letter: 'These are my views as a citizen, and not as a candidate.' We agree with Mr. Campbell in this statement. Whatever views he may entertain as a citizen is of but little consequence. It is only with his views as a candidate for congress that the fusion voters of the seventh district are concerned.

"From reliable information received by this committee from nearly every county in the district it is evident that Mr. Duval would receive a large majority of the votes of the delegates to the Great Bend convention if they were re-convened in either separate or joint convention; we, therefore deem it inexpedient and unnecessary to call the conventions together for that purpose. Mr. Duval will make the congressional race as the fusion nominee, asking for, as he is unquestionably entitled to, the loyal support of all voters who believe in the principles laid down in the national, state and congressional platforms of the democratic, populist and silver republican parties.

"With harmonious action between the allied forces in this district in support of Mr. Duval, we are confident that the republican candidate will be overwhelmingly defeated at the November election, and that the people of this district will be again represented in congress by a man who will conform his actions to their wishes and needs, rather than to the wishes of the president."

"We have yet to see a word of condemnation of the outrage in Kentucky in a single pop or democrat paper," asserts the party-blind editor of the Martion Record, and the assertion is copied by the Register of this city without comment. If the Record and the Register men would get some democrat and populist exchanges, and READ THEM, they would have seen that every democrat and populist paper, and many republican papers in the land, have condemned in unmeasured terms the "outrage in Kentucky," wherein Governor Goebel was cruelly assassinated. They would also see most severe criticisms of Ex-Gov. Taylor, the republican governor largely responsible for the Kentucky troubles, for running out of his

state and staying out like a coward to avoid arrest and trial on the charge of being in part responsible for the murder of Goebel. But "there are none so blind as they who WILL NOT SEE."

As WILL be seen elsewhere the democrats of this, the 7th congressional district, as represented by their committee, have issued an address stating why Mr. Duval is the real candidate of the fusion forces. We believe that Mr. Duval, in putting himself unreservedly in the hands of his committee, as he did in his letter to the committee, pursued the only course open to him as a gentleman and a fusionist. He had no "strings" to his candidacy—he did not assume to dictate terms or conditions; did not pose as a martyr or as a boss; but took the broad ground that whatever was done in the interests of harmonious action should be done by the regularly constituted committees of the democrat and populist parties. On the other hand, Mr. Campbell's recently published letter to Mr. Duval presents only the individual opinion of that gentleman, as to what he, alone, thinks ought to be done. That his letter was prepared and made public without regard to the populist congressional committee, its wishes or desires, or without foundation in fact for many of the claims and assertions therein made, is notoriously glaring. It transpires that, at a recent meeting of the people's party committee, where 19 counties were represented, 16 of those committeemen desired Mr. Campbell to withdraw from the race in favor of Duval. A week was given Mr. Campbell to give his committeemen an answer. Several weeks have passed, and his committee has had no reply from him whatever. Neither had his committee any knowledge of his letter to Mr. Duval until they saw it in public print. We sum up the situation in this manner: All of the democrats, and three-fourths of the populists, believe that Mr. Duval is the logical fusion candidate, and that Mr. Campbell should be pulled off. Mr. Duval has placed the matter of his candidacy fully in the hands of his committee, with no reservations or conditions. Mr. Campbell has placed his resignation in the hands of his committee with several strings to it, with conditions that Mr. Duval could not accept and which the fusion voters of the district cannot recognize. Mr. Campbell is the candidate of himself and a few democrats at Wichita for purely local reasons; Mr. Duval is the candidate of THE PEOPLE. The two congressional committees should, as soon as possible, meet in joint session and take such action as will place both men in their proper light before the people, so that all voters of the district may unite upon one man and elect him.

THE Chinese "open door" seems to be closed, and it looks like thousands of white mens lives, to say nothing of hundreds of thousands of Chinamens lives will be sacrificed before the door will be opened in favor of the nationalism of Christian (?) nations.

No good purpose can be accomplished by the United States mixing in the Chinese muddle, other than to protect her citizens now in the land. It will be the effort of England, however, to get this country entangled with the Powers, so that eventually their Anglo-American alliance can be forced upon us. The dangers of this possibility have been pointed out time and time again by all

the anti-expansionists and anti-imperialists of the land. Our complications with the Chinese puzzle could never have been forced on us had the McKinley administration pursued a truly American course in the Philippines.

Hindu Version of the Creation of Woman.

"At the beginning of time, Twashtri—the Vulcan of the Hindu mythology—created the world. But when he wished to create a woman he found that he had employed all his materials in the creation of man. There did not remain one solid element. Then Twashtri, perplexed, fell into a profound meditation. He roused himself to do as follows: He took the roundness of the moon, the undulations of the serpent, the entwining of climbing plants, the trembling of the grass, the slenderness of the rose-vine, the velvet of the flower, the lightness of the leaf and the glance of the fawn, the gaiety of the sun's rays and the tears of the mist, the inconstancy of the wind and the timidity of the hare, the vanity of the peacock and the softness of the down on the throat of a swallow, the hardness of the diamond, the sweet flavor of honey and the cruelty of the tiger, the warmth of fire, the chill of snow, the chatter of the jay and the cooing of the turtle dove. He united all this and formed a woman. Then he made a present of her to man. Eight days later the man came to Twashtri and said:

"My Lord, the creature you gave me poisons my existence. She chatters without rest, she takes all my time, she laments for nothing at all, and is always ill." And Twashtri received the woman again.

"But eight days later the man came again to the god and said: 'My Lord my life is very solitary since I returned this creature. I remember how she danced before me, singing. I remember how she glanced at me from the corner of her eye, that she played with me, clung to me.' And Twashtri returned the woman to him. Three days only passed and Twashtri saw the man coming to him again. 'My Lord, said he, 'I do not understand exactly how, but am sure that the woman causes me more annoyance than pleasure. I beg of you relieve me of her.'

"But Twashtri cried: 'Go your way and do your best.' And the man cried: 'I cannot live with her! Neither can you live without her,' replied Twashtri.

"And the man was sorrowful, murmuring: 'Woe is me, I can neither live with or without her.'"—Sanskrit.

Young man, you want to get the affection and admiration of the whole people, don't you? And you think you can do so in but one way, and that by getting rich. Well, you never was off your cawhirl so far as on that proposition. The world may "seem" to fall down and worship the rich man—but it is not the man at all, but his wealth they worship; and that worship is only covetousness. The man who is really esteemed by the masses is never the one who has the faculty of amassing wealth; but rather the man who has in his heart and mind the desire to treat all men as equals, the wish to do only as he would be done by, the desire to better not only his own condition but that of all mankind. Do you know of any such among the ranks of the immensely wealthy? We do not.

The political struggle this year will be the rule of gold, against The Golden Rule.

CONGRESSMAN LONG was one of the seven congressmen who, near the close of the recent session, voted to put the labor unions of the land under the ban of "trusts," making them amenable to the Sherman anti-trust law, and giving the republican administration more "power of injunction." Will the members of the labor unions in this district love the pretty Chester more for that, his latest official act in the interest of his master? We hardly think so. In fact, we have every reason to believe that the unanimous labor union vote will go to Mr. Duval, this fall.

SO FAR the United States have paid over \$400,000,000 for the "benevolent assimilation" of the little brown brothers of the far away Philippine islands. Do you, reader, see any way that you are or ever can be benefited by this expenditure of four-hundred-millions of the peoples dollars—of your dollars, and mine?

THE Philippine situation is a "white elephant" to the United States, and the elephant is quite liable to give birth to a litter of progeny, the first of the litter to be of the pig tail variety.

The Republican Prayer.

Great Lord, in pity heed my case, and look in mercy down, Oh grant me of Thy wondrous grace, and, oh, avert Thy frown. For now I walk through devious ways; engulfed in fog I am; I am the pawn a trickster played—I'm a Republican.

Oh Lord, Thou knowest I did prate of principle so dear; but now the bosses make me state I talked through my head gear. Sound money, too, I know I said, would Uncle Sam assist; but a cool four hundred million has vanished like the mist.

The government should Cuba free, I thought it was quite time, and the Philippines the last should see of Spanish fraud and crime; but Neeley in Havana, and the army cross the sea, have proved to e'en my clouded brain that these things cannot be while Hanna (through his puppet, Bill), and the other rascals bold, make use of their authority to fill their clothes with gold.

Oh, pity then my grievous lot, for I'm a Republican. Dear Lord, in pity heed my case; I don't know where I am. 'Tis hard to run this trickster's race; 'tis hard—this standing pat with naught at all to stand upon—this shouting through my hat. Oh, guide me and assist me, Lord, a very weary man; and pray forgive me, gracious Lord, for being a republican. —Garden City Sentinel.

Some Hot Shots.

When the republicans tell you in their national platform or on the stump that they favor this, that or the other law if re-elected, tell them they lie and know they lie. And to prove it, show them that they have for two years had the president, the house and the senate and could have enacted any law they favored. They don't want any law that will help the people. All they want is the votes of the dupes so they can go on skinning the public. That party has made every law that it wants. It made laws that gave millions to corporations and thieving contractors. It never passed a single law that made it easier for any working man to make a living. But is taxing the clothes off his back to pay the corporations twenty prices for material furnished. It voted to pay the railroads twenty prices for carrying the mails. Jam down their throats that they could have made any law, and can yet by calling a special session. Special sessions are called for making laws the rich want. Whoop'em up for McHanna.—Appeal to Reason.

Did you see our New Process Gasoline Stove for either coal or gasoline? We have also a Wickless Coal Oil Stove, which gives entire satisfaction. There is no danger of any explosion. GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

And the taxless dogs still bay the moon and snitch any loose bones that lay around the kitchen doors.



LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

FOR RENT—A 6 room house. Enquire of T. H. Butler.

Fifty cents will secure you the DEMOCRAT to Jan. 1, 1901.

Earl M. Hojington came back this week from a visit up in Iowa.

The fruit crop of Rice and Reno counties promises a good yield.

Don't go hungry, men! Not as long as you can eat at McCullough's.

Miss Carrie Freeman has secured a position in the New York Store.

Wm. M. Gage visited with his son, up in North Homestead, last week.

If you know one-half the men you meet on the streets now-a-days you're a dandy.

Last Saturday was like a holiday in town. The business streets were literally jammed.

Mr. Bell, formerly a machinist with the E. R. Moses Mercantile Co., has moved to Florence.

Barney Hofstaetter had to drive 45 miles last week to get across the river after a load of posts.

Uncle Jacob Klein was down from Cheyenne township Monday, and called on the DEMOCRAT.

Miss Winnie Mual, of Ellinwood, was the guest of Nina and Beale Stoke Friday of last week.

Editor O'Brien and wife, of Chalfin, favored the DEMOCRAT office with a call, Saturday of last week.

The "deacon" is gambling in wheat again, quite extensively; but he has no more use for "private tips."

The new band is getting along nicely and their practicing sounds more like it might "sooth the savage ear."

A hail storm damaged quite a number of acres of wheat in the north half of Stafford county last Thursday.

Pearl Gill, over south, has an army of about 30 harvest men which he has been getting together the past week.

Mr. Churchill and family, of Dodge City, have been visiting with the family of E. R. Moses the past few days.

Don't forget the county fair. And get ready to exhibit the best you have got, are getting now, or are going to get.

Mrs. W. E. Carr and son, Ralph, came up from Hutchinson Saturday to spend Sunday with friends in Great Bend.

Tom Beardsley and family, of Larned, came down Saturday morning to visit a couple of days with Thos. Gillmore's.

Will and Tom Shaughnessy, formerly of this city are now publishing the Weekly Advocate, at Shovelin, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, of Hutchinson, came up Saturday to visit with their brother, J. R. Baker, and family.

Charles Bacon's "Oak Parlor" at Ellinwood has equipped a base ball team that is pulling the bark off of all opposition.

Walt Cornsall says he put on a bald faced shirt Sunday, and went to church. And further the deponent says he not.

James Ely, who has been attending the State University at Lawrence, came home last week for the summer vacation.

A few select friends of Frank B. Patterson gave him a farewell surprise party, at the home of Elmer Dean, last Thursday evening.

The fields are full of young grasshoppers. They will not be able to injure the wheat, but may play hob with the corn crop later on.

Squire C. H. Mayer, of Olmitz, was down to the county seat Friday, incidentally steering harvest hands up into the wheat and rye, about Olmitz.

The old hotel building, at the southwest corner of the square, is being torn down, and an iron-clad store building will be put in its place.

Lamoursux & Imas, the barbers, have new got comfortably established in the new room erected for them, the second door south of their old stand.